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LIGHTER DEMAND FOR PRAIRIE HAY; FAIR CARRYOVER

Kansas City Market

Four cars of prairie hay received at Kansas City during the week ending April 8, appeared ample for the limited open market requirements, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Local feeding interests selected a car or two of choice quality, but most of their requirements were being cared for by direct shipments on contracts. Merchandisers and shippers were filling orders direct from producing sections. Nominal prices at Kansas City remained unchanged. Sales on the open market during the week were 2 cars of No. 1 at \$8.50 per ton.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Demand for prairie in southeastern Kansas slackened further during the week. Two cars were loaded out of Savonburg and a few truck loads moved from the same district, most of this hay going into the Kansas City district. Truckers were reported to have paid \$7.00 per ton for several large loads of toppey No. 2 prairie in the Colony district and trade interests at Humboldt report a fair truck movement of prairie northward. Local feeders also purchased a few small loads.

Growers in Bourbon country report a rather liberal carryover of fair to medium grades of old crop prairie. Some farmers were making inquiries about possible outlets for new crop windrow prairie with the view of contracting acreage and tonnage, but their tentative asking prices were considerably above the ideas of buyers and no deals were consummated.

Westphalia and Burlington districts report about all of the good quality prairie moved out by trucks and only common types left. At Garnett several loads of No. 3 and Sample Grade prairie were offered at \$5.00 per ton, f.o.b. cars.

Prairie hay continued in quiet demand in the Platte Valley of Nebraska, with little prospect of materially reducing the liberal old crop supplies before the new crop.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, follow:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50

No. 3 \$5.50-7.00

No. 2 7.50-8.00

Sample 4.00-5.50

